tificates. In January 1991, 155 sportspersons were given Special Awards for a total amount of Rs. 1,00,13,991/-.

(iii) Talented boys and girls at junior and sub junior level are provided scholarships for achieving positions in National Championships (Rs. 2700/- per annum each) and in State Championships (Rs. 1800/- per annum each) besides renewing the scholarships of those who maintained or improved their positions.

(iv) Scholarships of Rs. 3600 per annum each awarded to outstanding college and University Sports-persons. Scholarships were also renewed for those who maintained or improved their performances.

(v) (a) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy awarded to best overall winner University in Inter-University Sports Tournaments.

(b) Cash Awards of Rs. 50,000, Rs. 25,000 and Rs. 10,000 given to first, second and third overall winner University respectively.

(c) First, second and third winner University in 13 specified sports disciplines provided cash prizes of Rs. 50,000 Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 20,000 respectively in each discipline.

(vi) Arjuna Award for the year 1988 bestowed upon 5 persons in the month of June, 1990.

(vii) The schools winning Distt. Sports Tournaments in 9 specified sports disciplines given cash awards of Rs. 10,000/- for each discipline in all the Districts, where such Tournaments were held.

(viii) A Group headed by Secretary, Deptt. of Youth Affairs and Sports has been constituted to ascertain the present status of incentives and facilities given to sportspersons for admission to educational institutions and for employment and to suggest a uniform policy in this regard.

(ix) Meritorious sportspersons are considered for employment in the Government in relaxation of the procedural requirements.

(x) Department of Personnel and Training have issued instructions for treating sportspersons in Govt. on duty while participating in sports events of National/International importance and attending Coaching Camps held in connection with such events. They have been allowed to travel by First Class by train for such events held within India and by Economy Class by air in case of events of International importance held outside India. Govt. bears the passage cost.

(xi) For achievement of excellence in the sports events of National/International importance, the concerned Departments have been authorised to grant increments to the Sportspersons in the Govt., such that the total number of increments to be awarded to an individual do not exceed 5 numbers in his/her career. The increments so granted would continue to be drawn at the same rate till retirement, but will not be counted for any service matter like pay fixation on promotion, retirement benefits or DA/CCA etc.

Lease System in Delhi

*304. SHRI KALKA DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have abolished lease system in Delhi; and

(b) if so, when a notification was issued in this regard and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) Orders for conversion of certain categories of leasehold rights to freehold were issued on 11th March, 1991. Some further issues in this behalf are under examination.

[English]

Herbal Cure for AIDS

*305. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Herbal medicine to cure AIDS", appearing in Deccan Chronicle, Secunderabad dated June 27, 1991;

(b) if so, whether any scientific clinical test has been conducted and whether it has been tried on a large scale on HIV positive patients;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the number of AIDS cases reported so far in the country, Statewise, including Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) Government is aware about the news item captioned "Herbal medicine to cure AIDS" which appeared in Deccan Chronicle dated 27-6-1991. No clinical trial has so far been carried out on Human Immune Deficiency (HIV) infected patients to test the efficacy of the herb "Mayurisikha".

The number of AIDS cases reported as on 30th June, 1991 statewise is as under:—

Name of the State/U.T.	*Number of AIDS Cases*
Andhra Pradesh	1
Assam	1
Chandigarh (UT)/Punjab	8
Delhi	10
Goa	2
Gujarat	1
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Kerala	2
Maharashtra	24
Manipur	4
Pondicherry	3
Rajasthan	1
Tamil Nadu	8
Uttar Pradesh	1
West Bengal	1
Sikkim	—
Total	68